

A quick guide to understanding the King County budget



On October 13, the King County Executive submits his proposed budget for the upcoming 2009 calendar year.

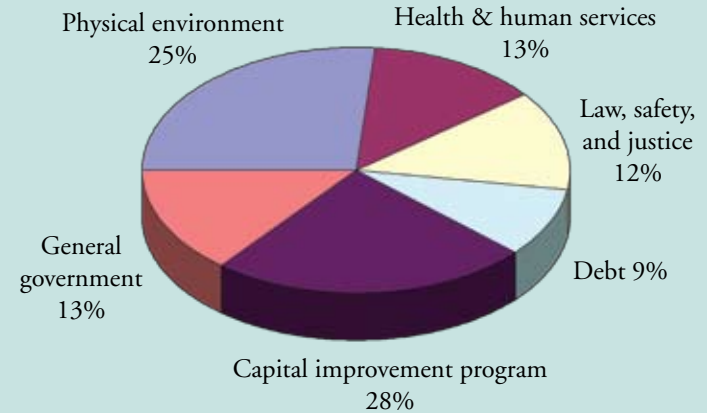
Once the budget is submitted to the County Council, there will be several public hearings to review and make changes to the Executive's proposal. Traditionally, the Council adopts the final county budget just before Thanksgiving.

Here is some important information about the budget:

- State law requires that all counties write balanced budgets.
- More than three-fourths of the county budget is dedicated by law to specific programs. These “dedicated funds” cannot be used for other purposes.
- The county's General Fund supports the day-to-day operations of county services that do **not** receive dedicated revenues, such as law and justice agencies, including our Sheriff.
- King County receives an average of 14 cents of each property tax dollar that you pay, with the remaining 86 cents going directly to schools, unincorporated roads, fire departments, libraries, parks, hospital districts, and the Port of Seattle.

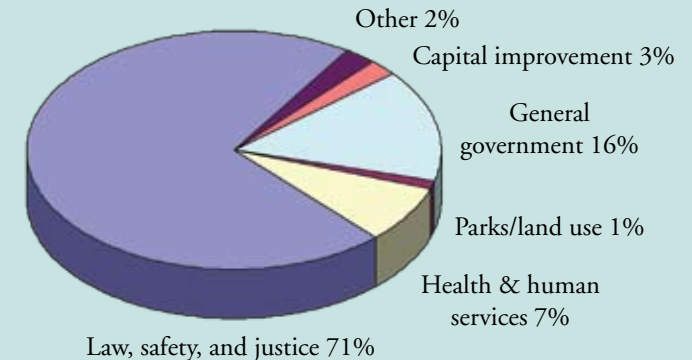
2008 King County budget

\$4.15 billion (dedicated and non-dedicated funds)



2008 General Fund expenditures

\$658 million (non-dedicated funds)



Public comment on the proposed 2009 King County budget

As we deal with economic changes, including sales tax revenue reductions, King County is facing budget cuts of approximately \$90 million in its 2009 budget. Please plan to attend one of the budget town hall meetings or email me with your budget priorities. These meetings will have day-after coverage, available online at www.kingcounty.gov/kctv and on King County Television (Channel 22).

Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 pm

Pacific Cascade Freshman Campus

24635 Southeast Issaquah Fall City Road, Issaquah

Thursday, October 16 at 7:00 pm

Maleng Regional Justice Center

Courtroom 3F, 401 4th Avenue North, Kent

Tuesday, October 21 at 7:00 pm

Finn Hill Junior High School

8040 Northeast 132nd Street, Kirkland

Thursday, October 23 at 7:00 pm

Shoreline Conference Center

Shoreline Room, 18560 1st Avenue Northeast, Shoreline

Tuesday, October 28 at 7:00 pm

King County Council Chambers

516 Third Avenue, Room 1200, Seattle

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